

request made to said board in writing by the executive committee of the city convention of the party holding the election; after the election is closed any candidate, or a person designated by him, and such other persons whom, in the judgment of the judges of election, it may be proper to admit, to guarantee the fairness of the count, shall be entitled to be present during the counting of the ballots.

1886, ch. 502.

287. When the poll shall be closed, the box wherein the ballots are deposited shall immediately thereafter be opened by the judge or judges of election, and the said judge or judges shall publicly, in the presence of the persons designated in the preceding section, carefully take out the said ballots and read distinctly and aloud the name or names written or printed thereon, respectively, and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the poll-book, so that the number of votes for each candidate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and known.

Ibid.

288. If upon opening any of said ballots there be found any more names written or printed thereon than there ought to be, or if any two or more of such ballots be deceitfully folded together, or if the purpose for which the vote is given is not plainly designated thereon, such ballot shall be rejected and not counted.

Ibid.

289. As soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out, under his or their hands, attested by the clerks of election, or one of them, on the poll-book, a plain, fair and distinct certificate of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he has been voted; such certificate to be as near as possible in the form of the like certificate required from the judges of election under the general election law of this State.

Ibid.

290. The return judges of election shall return, on the day following the day on which any election shall be held under this